

New Buffalo Borough Meeting Minutes August 14th 2023

Call to Order

Secretary Jessica Ibaugh called the meeting of the New Buffalo Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm on August 14th 2023 in the basement of the New Buffalo United Methodist Church.

Roll Call

Present were council members: Adam Pavusik, Jason Foster, Mike Holler, Irene Conjar and Jessica Ibaugh. The following persons were also present: Joe Kistler, Randy Waggoner, Lieutenant Kenneth Tallman, and Russel May.

Reading of last Month's Minutes

Upon motion of Jason Foster seconded by Irene Conjar, the July 2023 minutes were approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Comments from Visitors- Randy Waggoner-Chief Assessment Officer for Perry County informed us that the last county wide reassessment was in 2008 and is supposed to be done every 10 years, so it is overdue. He explained to council what the term revenue neutral means and that at the end of the assessment the borough can choose to stay at what the new tax rate would be from the revenue neutral calculations, or we may increase it by no more than 10%. The assessment should be complete by the end of 2025.

Lieutenant Kenneth Tallman from the Newport State Police barracks- presented council with the boroughs statistics on incidents and criminal offenses as well as traffic stops and arrests in the past couple of years. He also stated to call or email him if any issues arise in the borough.

Russel May- Asking if there are any apartments available to rent in the borough to contact him if any become available.

Correspondence-

Borough Treasurer's Report

-Upon motion of Mike Holler seconded by Jason Foster, the August 2023 Borough Treasurer report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Treasurer's Report

- Upon motion of Jason Foster, seconded by Irene Conjar, the August 2023 Sewer Treasurer report was approved as presented. All in favor none opposed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sewage/Sewage Authority Report

Adam- Challenging month. Lift station issues. Walters coming on Thursday. Stan also coming Thursday to help change pump in lift station. Need to get a new controller for lift station (using manual float for now). Trying to get a controller already programed from the manufacturer so it's plug and play. *Motion to purchase a new controller for the sewer plant, by Mike Holler, seconded by Jason Foster, all in favor none opposed.

Sewage Solicitor-Dennis Shatto- Borough is in need of rules and regulations for new sewer connection and reconnection fees, etc. Council to review copy of another municipality's sewer rules and regulations.

-Get everyone a copy of the sewer ordinance after revised.

PCCOG-Adam Pavusik — Next meeting in September.

Street Committee – Guiderail questions-Who has to pay for study on whether or not to replace guiderail? Who owns the bridge that is next to the guiderail in question? Is there a liquid fuels map?

Refuse coordinator –

Playground – Need to have a sign with the park rules made. Need to take pictures of the siren to post on ebay to sell. Need to get a gallon of paint to finish painting the borough building.

Ordinance Violations- Contact State Police about people parking in front of the apartment building at 22 Front Street. Ask Lloyd about putting up a fence around the front of building where washers are being kept outside.

Rental –

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Bills

-Upon motion of Adam Pavusik, seconded by Irene Conjar the August 2023 Borough Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

Sewer Bills

-Upon motion of Mike Holler, seconded by Jason Foster, the August 2023 Sewer Bills were approved to be paid as presented. All in favor none opposed.

GOOD of the ORDER/ANNOUNCEMENTS ADJOURN

. Zoning?- Look at comp plan for New Buffalo that was previously adopted to see if zoning was included in the plan.

-EMC – contact Tim Monech about leaving the EMC co-op and appointing Jason as our EMC.

Upon motion of Irene Conjar, seconded by Adam Pavusik, all in favor none opposed,
council adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Ibaugh- Secretary/Treasurer